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## PEOPLE & PLACES...

John Creedy, Director of Public Relations for Pan Am, recently won the "Grand Award" from the Midwest Travel Writers Association for his travel promotion efforts.

Matt Huttner acted as good will ambassador in his recent European tour. He arranged for reciprocity between the OPC and similar clubs in Frankfurt, Stockholm, Rome, and Paris.

A husband and wife team recently returned from two months in Germany and England, doing stories for Nation's

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## Club Calendar

Monday, Dec. 12 — Stairway Gallery will feature a photography exhibit by Lisa Larsen of Life Magazine. Cocktails at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m. — Allen Raymond, veteran OPC member, former Times-London Bureau Chief and Herald Tribune war correspondent, reporting on a survey of the effect of government information policies and security regulations upon freedom of the press, which he has just completed for American Civil Liberties Union...Open House.

Thursday, Dec. 15 — N.Y. State Attorney General Jacob Javits. Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19 — Christmas Party for the children of members. 3:30 to 5 p.m..... Reservations.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 — Norwegian Dinner.

Thursday, Dec. 22 — Dr. Ralph Bunche. Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29 — CBS Overseas Correspondents Round-up. Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Party.

Thursday, Jan. 26 — Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor. Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.



GAINZA PAZ in Buenos Aires: Home is the exile

## GAINZA PAZ GOES HOME TO ARGENTINA TO RESUME PRENSA PUBLICATION

By Steve Nordlinger

With the return of Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz to Argentina Dec. 1, the reemergence of La Prensa as a free newspaper was assured.

Provisional President Gen. Pedro Aramburu had ordered restoration of La Prensa to Dr. Gainza Paz, its rightful owner and publisher, on the previous day. The famed Buenos Aires daily was expropriated in 1951 by the now deposed regime of Juan D. Peron.

As General Aramburu's decree stated, La Prensa had long been the object of a "relentless campaign of persecution under the dictatorship."

The OPC, in which Dr. Gainza Paz had been active as chairman of the Inter-American Committee, hailed the decision of the caretaker government that returned the newspaper to the former ownership.

A statement by Kathryn Cravens, OPC acting president, said:

"The Overseas Press Club of America congratulates the people of Argen-

tina on the restoration of their right to know the truth as symbolized by the return of the newspaper La Prensa to its owners.

"When the paper's plant was seized the real La Prensa — its reverence for freedom and human dignity — escaped the dictator in the person of its publisher, Alberto Gainza Paz. With no means left but his own voice, he tirelessly told abroad the facts of his country and its struggle against oppression, and millions came to recognize him as typifying a proud and liberty-loving



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and justice to Argentina."

It was announced that La Prensa would remain closed pending settlement of details, but would soon resume publication as an outstanding member of the free press once again.

The revived La Prensa was scheduled to appear as an eight-page daily. Newspapers in Argentina are limited to that size because of the newsprint shortage.

Several thousand persons, including about 1,000 employees of La Prensa, greeted Dr. Gainza Paz as he stepped from his plane at Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires.

"It is with indescribable emotion that I return to my liberated country," he said.

Dr. Gainza Paz' struggle with Peron began in 1945 when La Prensa continued to print "reasoned criticism of public officials," despite government

warnings. Eventually the dictator took action, seizing La Prensa's newsprint, encouraging a government printers' strike that closed the paper and jailing Dr. Gainza Paz for a few hours.

In 1951, the paper was seized and Dr. Gainza Paz went into exile. La Prensa's circulation dropped from 460,000 to 150,000 under Peronist control.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE** - Double sofa bed and all-wool twist rug, 10' x 14' both like new; several tables, chests, bookcases, and other odds and ends of furniture. Call Jewel de Bonilla, PL 3-6529 to make an appointment.... Mornings.

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Ole! The MARES SISTERS and ERNESTO SAN MIGUEL were some of the featured entertainers at the "Noche Mejicana" at the Overseas Press Club recently. It was one of the Hospitality Committee's brightest functions and was attended by ranking Mexican diplomats.

people's refusal to surrender.

"The Overseas Press Club of America salutes the rightful return of the great newspaper to its valiant publisher as an essential step to bringing liberty

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## CHILDREN'S PARTY SET FOR DEC. 19

A children's party for Christmas with an international flavor will be put on by the Hospitality Committee on Monday, Dec. 19, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The party, which will feature the usual Christmas entertainment and refreshments, is for children of OPC members. The theme will be "Christmas in Other Lands," and it was expected that representatives of several countries would be on hand to tell the children how their counterparts in other countries celebrate the birth of Christ.

Reservations are requested so that some idea may be had of the number of children to expect.

### BENTON, HUMPHREY OPEN HOUSE GUESTS

The extent to which the Soviet Union is cultivating the peoples of Asia and Africa is easily seen in Moscow, former U.S. Sen. William Benton told an Open House at the Overseas Press Club last Tuesday.

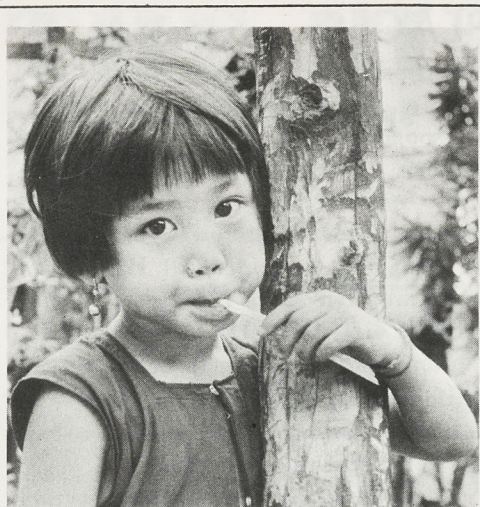
Benton, who recently returned from a month's tour of the Soviet Union and its satellites, said that everywhere in the Soviet capital, a stream of delegations is being wined, dined, entertained, and indoctrinated. "Moscow doesn't look like much to one used to the capitals of the West, but to a Mongol, I suspect it looks the way Paris does to an Iowa farmer.

Benton, who is now publisher of the Encyclopedia Britannica, spoke at the meeting along with Democratic Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Gold Coast Finance Minister Komla Gbedemah. The meeting was well attended by Club members and their guests.

### NOTED...

Norbert Mullen, just back from Europe, had a lead story, "Europe's New Master Spy," in This Week magazine... Dave Shefrin's "Report on Love" is now playing at New York movie theatres. It's an animated essay about the Kinsey Reports.

Walter N. Nelson was named editor of American Petroleum Institute's Quarterly magazine recently in addition to other duties handling magazine placement for the API's Oil Industry Information Committee.



Above is a poignant subject from the dramatic exhibition of pictures by Lisa Larsen opening Dec. 12 in the Club's Stairway Gallery. The Life photographer, recently returned from Southeast Asia, notes that "the main body of the exhibit is Indochina. It portrays life in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Now independent nations, they grope for a brighter future... The race is open between the Communist revolution and Western democratic ideas. Who is going to get there first?"

## NORWEGIAN DINNER MARKS ANNIVERSARY

With the Norwegian party on Dec. 20, the OPC Hospitality Committee, under the chairmanship of Larry Blochman, winds up the first year's series of regional dinners.

Conceived by Joe Peters, chairman of the regional dinners' sub-committee, these affairs have been among the Club's most successful events, socially and



PETERS: From reindeer to ouzo

financially. Thus far France, Greece, Japan, Austria, Mexico, Israel, India and Hawaii have been saluted on these nights. Their ambassadors to the United States and other diplomatic representatives have been among the guests of honor.

Assisted by Hilda Harrison and DeWitt Davidson, Sub-Committee Chairman Peters is busy with plans for next year's series. Haiti is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, and dates for other regional dinners will be announced shortly.

All members of the Hospitality Committee have been active in contributing to their success of the dinners. Special credit goes to Dorothy Omansky, Madeline Ross, Robert Black, Will Oursler and Lawrence Stessin, who have collaborated closely with the sub-committee and Chairman Blochman in making all arrangements and supervising the myriad chores required for the smooth operation of the affairs.

OPC members are invited to send suggestions for future regional dinners to the chairman of the sub-committee.

Reindeer steak will be served at the Dec. 20 Norwegian dinner, which also will be marked by a program of typical Norwegian entertainment, door prizes and other features.

New members of the Club in particular are invited to make reservations. An allotment of tickets is set aside especially for them.

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. Members are permitted only one guest each.

### NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

#### ACTIVE

John B. Adams, Intl. Public Relations and Publishing.

Emma C. Llewellyn, Sarah Lawrence College.

John M. Mecklin, Time, Inc.

Walter F. Merkel, Gartley & Associates, Inc.

#### ASSOCIATE

Elliott A. Caplin, King Features, United Features.

Fredric Moshler, American Gas Assn.

Lawrence Sanders, Fawcett Publications, Inc.



## PEOPLE & PLACES...

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Business and Sports Illustrated. *Richard Tregaskis* handles the writing, wife *Walton* the camera.

NBC news commentator *Pauline Frederick* just returned from Florida, where she addressed a mass meeting on the Middle East Crisis... A book with the intriguing title "A Wife is Many Women" was recently written by *Doris Bernays*, wife of *Edward Bernays*. Her book has been published by Crown on December 5.

Life photographer *Howard Socurbe* is just back from the Singapore bureau for reassignment.

An article on Eric Johnston's Middle East missions "Development of the Jordan Valley Waters," by *Don Peretz* appears in the Autumn 1955 issue of the Middle East Journal... *Eliot Elisofon* just returned from a 11,000 mile auto trip through the Southwest where he gathered material for Portfolio No. 7 in Life's series of America's Arts and Skills.

*Julien Bryan* also got back from two months round-world stint for color motion pictures spending six weeks in Japan, a short stop in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Bombay and a week in Cairo.

*Howard A. Rusk*, associate editor of the Times, was recently awarded the Centennial Medal of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital... A shift in assignments was handed to *Jim Hausman*, Schaefer Brewing Public Relations Manager. He's now doing p.r. work for

Circus, Saints and Sinners Club.

*Eric Sevareid*, chief Washington correspondent for CBS, is the new chairman of the Radio-TV Correspondents' Association, succeeding *Bill Costello*... An interview with General *Paul Magloire*, president of Haiti, was one of the high spots in *Eugene Lyons'* two-week visit to Haiti.

*Carl Bakal's* work may be seen - in addition to the exhibit at the Club - in the current issue of *Colliers*. It's a four page color spread on old age.

*Hazel Shore Currie* has been named chairman of the American Overseas Club (Red Cross personnel) Christmas party. Hazel was recently heard in Washington's Occidental restaurant discussing plans for Senator *Estes Kefauver's* presidential publicity campaign.

*Wayne Parrish*, publisher of American Aviation Publications, is off on a trip to Russia, Hungary, Rumania, and Poland... Collaborating on a collection of light verse by the late *George Stanfield* of the Hartford Courant are *Hudson B. (Boz) Hawley* and *Robert Standfield*, son of the poet and managing editor of the Courant.

*Louis Messolonghites'* views on Cyprus will appear in This Week... Just returned from a trip to Binghamton is *A.C. Brackman*, who was gathering material for a series of AnSCO film stories... The results of a poll by *Peter Edson*, NEA capitol correspondent, showed Vice-President *Nixon* and *Adlai Stevenson* as candidates. Pete polled

members of the Congressional News Galleries Opinion was pretty evenly divided as to which would win.

*Jean and Franc Shor* are back in Washington after six months abroad. The trip resulted in a Book-of-the-Month Club selection, "After You Marco Polo" by *Jean Franc*'s next assignment is a story on San Francisco for National Geographic Magazine, while *Jean* busies herself with radio, TV, and autograph chores for her book.

*Harry Bruno* has been appointed chairman of the Northern Atlantic Division of the Early Birds. For the uninitiated, this is an organization of pilots who flew between 1903 and 1916.

*A. Wilfred May* moderated a luncheon forum on "What's Ahead for the Stock Market" recently at the Harmonie Club... Off for a South American tour is *Bob Demme*. He's going to visit Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima, and Bogata, and be back on December 17.

*Mary Heaton Vorse* covered the CIO and AFL conventions, and plans to spend December in New York... News Director of Smith College will be the new position of *Dudley Harmon*, who served as UP correspondent in Western Europe and Washington from 1934-1952. Her last post was at Sarah Lawrence College.

Half a dozen newspapermen figure in *Whit Burnett's* new book, This is My Best Humor. Authors are from the U.S., British Isles, and Europe, from where Burnett and his novelist wife *Hallie* have recently returned.

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